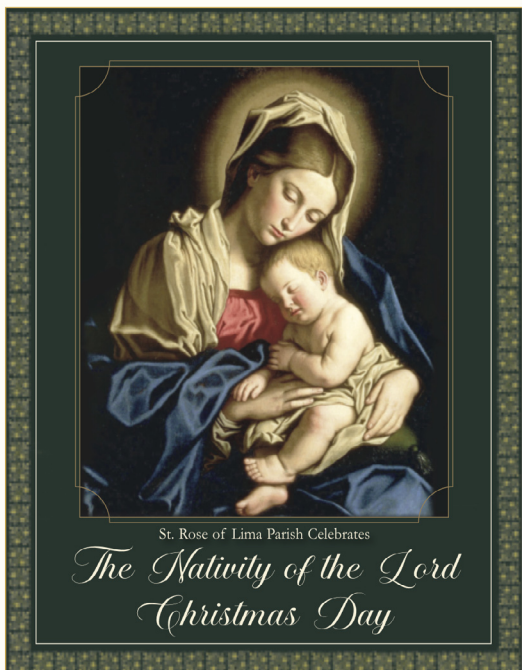




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The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Day

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



SAINT ROSE OF LIMA PARISH
Short Hills, New Jersey





PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Led by St. Rose of Lima Cantor

Night of Silence

*Words and Music by Daniel Kantor
Arr.. by David Haas and Lori True*

*Cold are the people, winter of life
We tremble in shadows this cold, endless night
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping
Flowers that will echo the sunrise
Fire of hope is our only warmth
Weary, its flame will be dying soon*

*Voice in the distance, call in the night
On wind you enfold us you speak of the light
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly
Rumours of a dawn so embracing
Breathless love awaits darkened souls
Soon will we know of the morning*

*Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace*

*Spirit among us, shine like the star
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love
Star unknowing of night and day
Spirit we wait for your loving Son*

*Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake, at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia'
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born*





O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks

*1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.*

*2 For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.*

*3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in.*

*4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!*

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Edmund H. Sears

*1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, good will to all
From heaven's all gracious King';
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.*

*2. Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.*

*4. For, lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the evercircling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.*





Silent Night

Words: Josef Mohr
Music: Franz X. Gruber

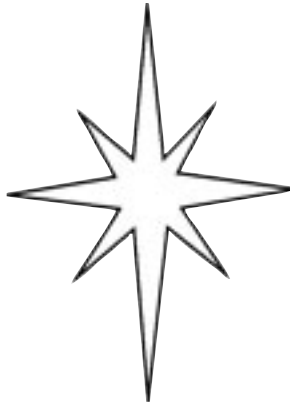
1. *Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

Lighting of Candles; to remain lighted until GLORIA.

2. *Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!*

3. *Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

4. *Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!*





INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES
arr. John F. Wade



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God of God, Light of Light
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem.
Lo! He comes forth from the Vir - gin's womb.
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
Je - su, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;
Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels; O
Our ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted,
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him, O
come let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!



Sign of the Cross

Greeting

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
who was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem
The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with your Spirit**

Christmas Proclamation

Penitential Act

Gloria

Daniel Laginya



Collect





LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:1-6

A Child is born to us, a son is given us.

Isaiah 62:7-10

All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of God.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 96

Jamie Cortez



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New Testament

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared to all.

Hebrews 1:1-6

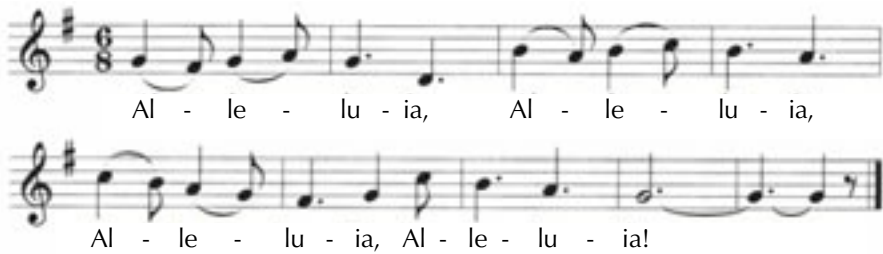
God has spoken to us through the Son.



Gospel Acclamation

CHRISTMASTIME ALLELUIA

Jamie Cortez



Gospel Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with your Spirit**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to *N*.

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Today a Savior has been born who is Christ the Lord.

John 1:1-18

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Homily





Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, **consubstantial** with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
All Kneel **(and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.)**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Universal Prayer

Response: **Lord, dwell with us.**

Christmas Collection. *For one time
on line giving.*



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

AWAY IN A MANGER

TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed,
2. The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
Close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love you, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And fit us for heav - en to live with you there.



HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new born King;
2. Christ by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ the ev - er last - ing Lord.
3. Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb,
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Invitation to Pray

Presider: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

Response: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**



The Eucharistic Prayer

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with your Spirit**

Lift up your hearts.

Response: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: **It is right and just.**

Sanctus

MASS OF COMFORT AND JOY

Kevin Keil

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and
earth are full, of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.





The Mystery of Faith

MASS OF COMFORT AND JOY

Kevin Keil

When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un -
til you come a - gain, un - til you come a -gain,

Amen

A - men. A - men. A. - men.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: **And with your Spirit**



Breaking of the Bread

MASS OF COMFORT AND JOY

Kevin Keil

Cantor

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us, *All* have mer - cy on us.

Cantor

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
All grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**



Communion Procession

THE FIRST NOWELL

NOWELL

1. The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, Was to
2. And by the light of that same star Three
3. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In
wise men came from coun - try far; To
prai - ses to the heav'n - ly Lord; Who

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a
seek for a king was their in - tent, And to
with the Fa - ther we a - dore And

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.



Communion Procession

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

Verses

1. What child is this, who laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to

sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
 own him; The King of Kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Refrain

shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma-ry.

Communion Meditation

O HOLY NIGHT



Recessional Song

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let
 2. Joy to the world! the the Sav - ior and reigns: Let
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And

earth us, re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry
 makes the our songs na - tions prove While fields 'ry
 The glo - ries

heart floods, pre - pare him room, And
 of his rocks, right - eous - plains; Re -
 And

heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing,
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat and the sound - ing joy,
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.



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Christmas Table Prayer



After a few moments of silence, the candles on the table are lighted.

The leader says:	Christ is born for us!
And all respond:	Come, let us adore!
The leader continues:	Lord Jesus, in the peace of the season our spirits rejoice: With the animals and the angels, with the shepherds and the stars, with Mary and Joseph we sing God's praise. By your coming may the hungry be filled with good things, and may our table and home be blessed.
Then leader says:	Glory to God in the highest!
And all conclude together:	And peace to God's people on earth!
And sing:	Hark the Herald Angels Sing!

St. Rose of Lima Parish

Christmas Schedule

2025 - 2026

Christmas Eve

Wed, Dec 24, 2025

Mass 4:00 PM | 6:00 PM | 10:00 PM (musical prelude) | 10:30 PM Mass

Animals will be present following Mass at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day (Holyday of Obligation)

Thur, Dec 25

Mass 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

Animals will be present following Mass at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sun, Dec 28, 2026

Mass 5:30 PM (anticipated) | 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holyday of Obligation)

Thur, Jan 1, 2026

Mass 5:30 PM (anticipated) | 9:00 AM

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sun, Jan 4, 2026

Mass 5:30 PM (anticipated) | 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

Animals are present following Mass 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

The Baptism of the Lord

Sun, Jan 11, 2026

Mass 5:30 PM (anticipated) | 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

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